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Mr. Edward R. Murrow  
Director, United States Information Agency  
1776 Pennsylvania Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Murrow:

At a recent meeting the United States Intelligence Board discussed your letter of 20 September, requesting that USIA be placed on the initial distribution list for all NIEs and SNIEs.

As you indicated, USIA normally receives copies of NIEs and SNIEs. In view of your letter, however, Board members thought it desirable to explain more fully present Board practice with respect to dissemination of estimates to USIA. Our general policy has been to pass all NIEs to your agency. Virtually all SNIEs are also released to USIA. Nevertheless, occasionally estimates have a very restricted distribution because they are developed to meet a highly specialized requirement or carry an unusually sensitive classification. In these instances, the Board's practice has been to make an estimate available to you personally through the State Department member of ECIO rather than pass it to USIA through routine channels. Where the Board has been informed that a properly cleared member of your organization has a specific requirement for these more sensitive papers, such as through membership on task forces engaged in high-level contingency planning, we have also made such papers available to him.

With respect to your request, therefore, we propose to continue our general policy of releasing NIEs and SNIEs to USIA through normal channels. In addition, to minimize any delay in your receiving the substance of these papers, we shall ensure that you are placed on the initial distribution list of the Advance Conclusions which are circulated several days before the printed copies of these estimates are available. As for estimates of an unusually sensitive character, the Board proposes:

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to continue to pass them to you personally through the State Department or a member of USIB. However, the Board is also willing for [redacted] to make such estimates available for the personal use of appropriate cleared USIA personnel who have a clear requirement for them, either through membership on interagency task forces or by virtue of your certification of their need-to-know.

We trust that this will clarify our practice and that the arrangements outlined above will prove mutually satisfactory.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

C. P. Cabell  
General, USAF  
Acting Chairman

Typed in USIB/S, 27 October 1961

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UNITED STATES INFORMATION AGENCY  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF  
THE DIRECTOR

September 20, 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency

While we ordinarily get copies of NIE and SNIE documents, there are occasions when we get them after some delay and, in rare instances, are denied any access to them.

In order to keep me and my immediate advisers speedily informed of important developments covered in these documents, it would be appreciated if you would seek approval of the U.S. Intelligence Board to add this Agency to the regular distribution list of those agencies which receive initial distribution of all these estimates. The existing secure channel for receiving these documents is USIA's Office of Research and Analysis.

A handwritten signature in cursive ink, appearing to read "Edward R. Murrow".

Edward R. Murrow  
Director

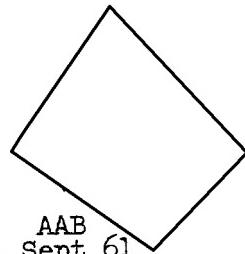
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MEMORANDUM FOR: ① Mr. Dulles

③ POC 1 CPK 10/25/61  
A copy of this memorandum has already been sent to Bob Amory for his information and for preparation of an appropriate reply for your signature.

AWD/ee



AAB  
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